

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 7528.0003,

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Todd J. MORTIER et al.

Application No.: 09/981,790

Filed: October 19, 2001

VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM For:

TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE

AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: D. Willse

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of July 29, 2003. A fee payment of \$210.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter the Request for Continued Examination and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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